

WORLD DEMANDS JUSTICE FOR MENDEL BEILIS, ON TRIAL FOR "RITUAL MURDER"

Kiev, Russia, Oct. 16.—Confronted on one side with the necessity of giving a victim to the Jew-baiting Russians and their czar—on the other side with the necessity of placating a civilized world that has lifted its hand in horror at racial hatred, and demanded justice, the prosecution in the case of Mendel Beilis, charged with "ritual murder" is struggling in a hopeless battle.

The contention of the defense that the murder was the result of conspiracy and that the indictment of Beilis was brought about through the same conspirators is strengthened by the testimony of the prosecution's own witnesses.

More evidence was given that Eugene and Valtine Cheberyak, the last children to see the murdered boy alive, who have since died, were murdered by those seeking to convict Beilis.

Polistchuk, a detective, who, during his testimony, interrupted the court to smoke a cigarette, swore that Krassovsky, former head of the Kiev detective service, poisoned the Cheberyak children by giving them poisoned cakes.

Mrs. Vera Cheberyak, who is a police character, and a leader of a band of thieves, added a tale of bribery. She has been in jail several times.

She testified that the journalist, Brushkovsky, told her that her husband would lose his position in the Kiev postoffice unless the Cheberyaks, parents and children, helped to run down the murderer of Yushinsky.

However, as the two Cheberyak children who are dead would have been the most valuable witnesses for the Jew, Beilis, and as Vera is believed to have endeavored to persuade a boy to testify that he had seen Beilis dragging the Yushinsky boy toward an oven in the brickyards, her testimony has no value.

Ludmilla Cheberyak, sister of the

two dead children, and child of Vera Cheberyak, testified that she had seen Beilis kidnap the murdered boy, but her testimony was flatly contradicted by Eudovic Nakonetchny, another child.

The manager of the brick works where Beilis was employed testified that the Jew was at work on the day of the murder, which was not a holiday.

The detective Polistchuk added further sensation to his testimony by telling of the death-bed scene of the boy, Eugene Cheberyak. Polistchuk declared the boy was trying to tell something, but his mother kept repeating: "Say I am not to blame, say I am not to blame," and, exhausted, the boy replied: "Leave me alone, mother."

Evidence had pointed strongly to thieves associated with the Cheberyak woman as the murderers of the boy because he possessed certain secrets of theirs, upon which he had stumbled, and the Cheberyak woman wished evidently to force Eugene, who was the last child with the Yushinsky boy, to clear her of any suspicion.

Beilis described to the court the method by which unleavened bread is made. He said a rabbi was always near to insure cleanliness and strict observance of the ritual.

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CONVENTION TO PROTEST

New York.—Rev. John Howard Melish, rector of Holy Trinity church, Brooklyn, declares that a resolution will be passed by the Protestant Episcopal convention, condemning the "ritual murder" trial, and it will be cabled to the Metropolitan of the Holy Orthodox Church of Russia and telegraphed to the Russian ambassador at Washington.

"We call upon the archbishops,